

## Five Propulsion Directorate research groups receive, renew Star Team status

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO — Five research groups in the Propulsion Directorate were recently recognized as Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR) Star Teams. Of these five teams, two received renewals of their Star Team status.

The High Energy Density Matter (HEDM) team, led by Dr. Jeffrey Sheehy, had their Star Team status renewed for a term of two years. The HEDM team was first awarded Star Team status in 1990 and has held that status continuously ever since.

The Advanced Plume Studies Research team, led by Dr. Ingrid Wyson, received a three-year renewal. This is the third renewal for this group, with the first two terms coming under the leadership of the late David Weaver.

The long-standing Star Team status of the HEDM and Advanced Plume Studies teams marks them as two of the Air Force's premier research groups.

Three additional PR research teams were named AFOSR Star Teams for the first time, each for a term of two years. These new teams are the Advanced Supercritical Fuels/Supercritical Combustion team, the High Temperature Superconductor Materials for Advanced Power Systems team, and the Inorganic Synthesis team. Doctors Tim Edwards, Paul Barnes, and Shawn Phillips, respectively, lead these new Star Teams. @